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REQUEST		Application No	. 09/777,946	
FOR		Filing Date	February 6, 2	001 -
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)		First Named In	ventor Hideo KAW	AHARA
TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,		Command Unio	2612	
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.		Group Art Unit	VIEALLY Co	ıry
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)		Atty Docket No	1232-4680	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.				
1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 a. Previously submitted				
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on April 6, 2006. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other: 				
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2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period				
of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required) b. Other:				
3. Fees The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed				
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